

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 299
By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION To honor the memory of Mr. Walter Taylor of
Laurel Bloomery.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Mr. Walter Taylor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, A native of Johnson County, Walter Taylor was the loving son of the late S.T. and Verna Farmer Taylor and the brother of Bill Taylor of Bristol, Robert Taylor of Charlotte, North Carolina, and the late Wade Taylor; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Lees-McRae College, Mr. Walter Taylor pursued a stellar career in education, teaching developing young minds and positively influencing young lives; he later served with acumen as the County Clerk of Johnson County for 36 years, in which position he earned the respect of his colleagues and the public alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor proudly served his country during World War II in the 82nd Airborne Division of the U.S. Army; a member of the "Greatest Generation," he bravely served

in the African, Italian, and Western European Campaigns; he was a dedicated member of the VFW and the American Legion Post #61 for 56 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor was an active and devout member of the St. John's Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Walter Taylor was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Ruth Hawkins Taylor, until her death; he was the proud father of Sam and Eric Taylor, and grandfather of six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mr. Walter Taylor, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his bravery and his valiant service to his country, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction as an educator and elected official.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Taylor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.